

Basic Health Plan Study – Part 2: Who is Enrolled? What Services Do They Use?

Briefing Report

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Presentation Overview

- Study mandate and approach
- Background on the Basic Health Plan
- What we found

Study Mandate and Approach

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Two-Part Study Mandated by 2005-07 Operating Budget

- Part 1: To what extent do BHP policies and procedures promote or discourage the provision of appropriate, high-quality, cost-effective care? (Report 06-01)
- Part 2: What are the characteristics of individuals enrolled in BHP, and how are they utilizing services?

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Study Questions

- How long are individuals enrolled?
- Why did they enroll?
- How did enrollees obtain health care before enrolling?
- What kind of coverage do other members of the household have?
- How do enrollees use services?
- What are enrollees' employment status?

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Data Sources

- Health Care Authority administrative data on enrollees
- Telephone survey of BHP enrollees
- Health Care Authority's "Employment Status of Basic Health Adult Enrollees" report
- Basic Health Plan actuary's utilization and expense data from health plans

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Background on the Basic Health Plan

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BHP to Make Health Care Services Available for Low-Income Residents

- Administered by the Health Care Authority
- Eligibility:
 - Resident of Washington State
 - *Not* eligible for Medicare
 - Gross family income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level
- Average monthly enrollment of 101,869 in 2005
- 2005-07 Budget: \$500 million for benefits and \$16 million for administrative costs

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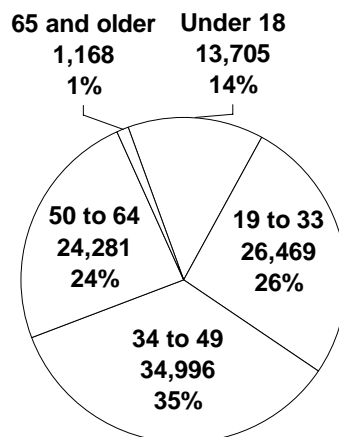
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What Are the Ages of Individuals Enrolled in BHP?



Source: Health Care Authority administrative data.

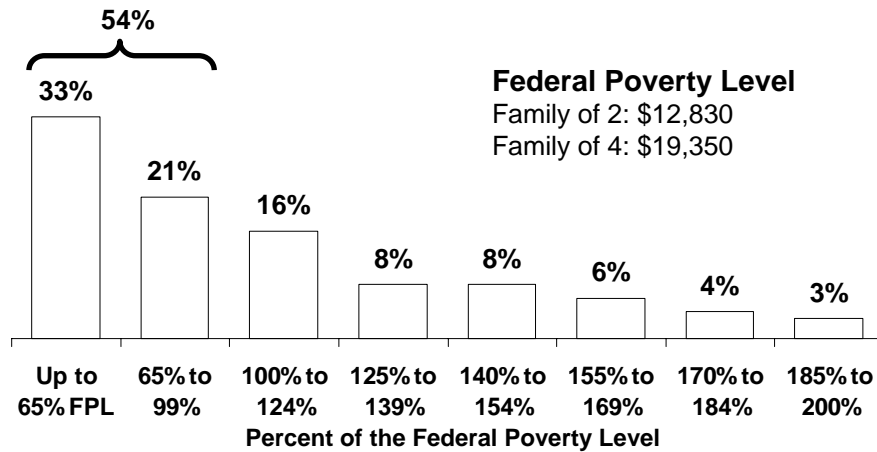
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What Are the Family Incomes of Individuals Enrolled in BHP?



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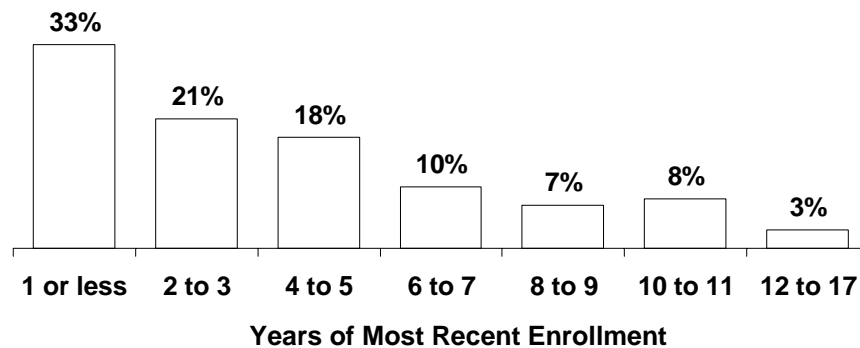
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How Long Are Individuals Enrolled in BHP?



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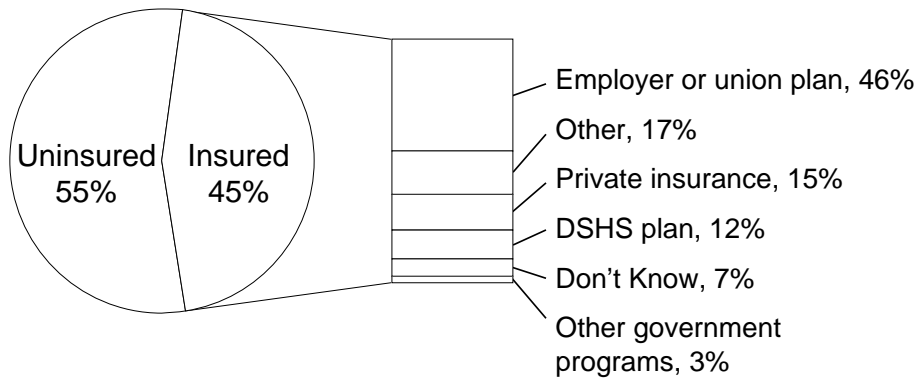
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Did Enrollees Have Health Insurance Before Joining BHP?



Source: JLARC survey of enrollees.

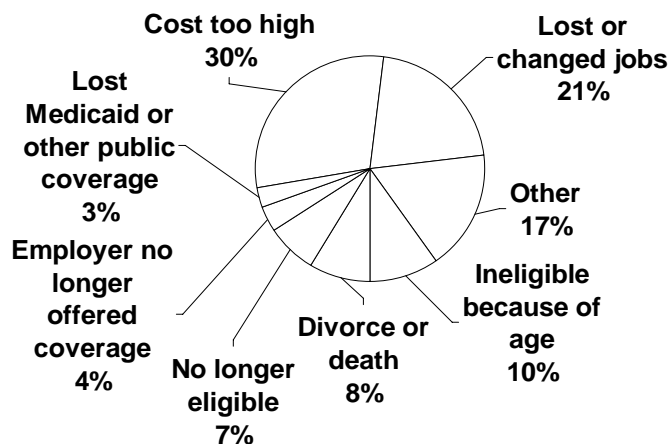
Survey Respondents = 1,795

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Why Did Individuals Who Were Previously *Insured* Switch to BHP?



Source: JLARC survey of enrollees.

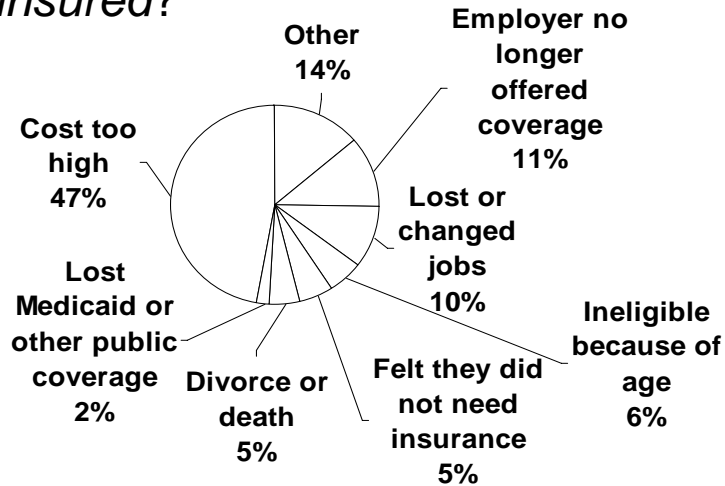
Survey Respondents = 794

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Why Were BHP Enrollees Previously *Uninsured*?



Source: JLARC survey of enrollees.

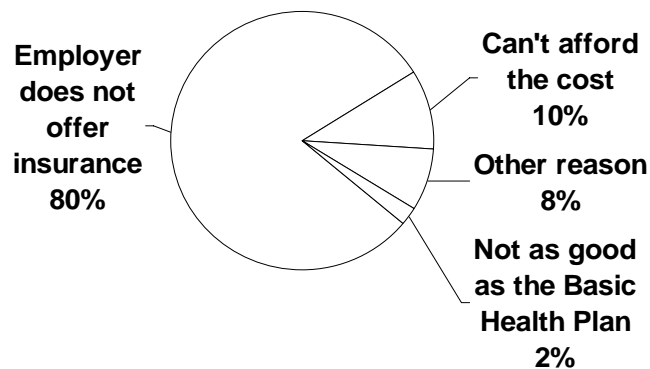
Survey Respondents = 987

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Why Don't Employed BHP Enrollees Use Their Employers' Health Insurance?



Source: JLARC survey of enrollees.

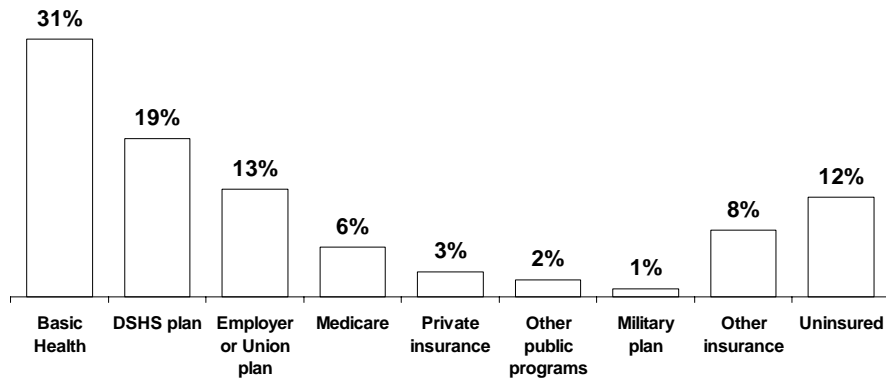
Survey Respondents = 1,072

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What Insurance Coverage Do Household Members of BHP Enrollees Have?



Source: JLARC survey of enrollees.

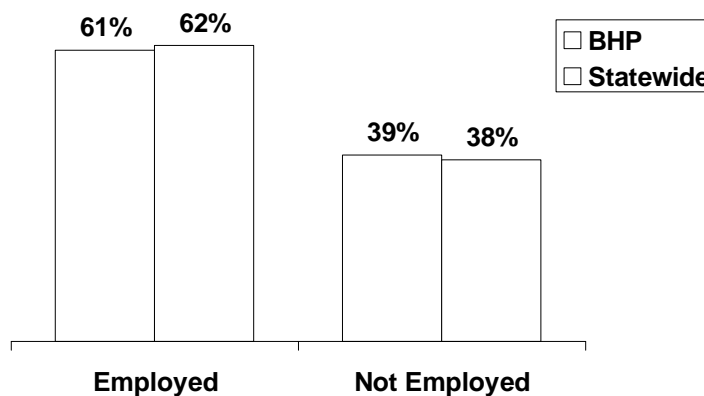
Survey Respondents = 1,750

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How Many Individuals Enrolled in BHP Are Employed?



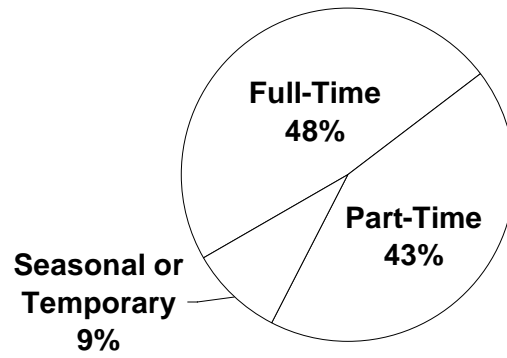
Source: JLARC survey of enrollees (Survey Respondents = 1,821) and OFM's State Population Survey limited by age and income (Survey Respondents = 2,689).

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Do Individuals Enrolled in BHP Work Full-Time Or Part-Time?



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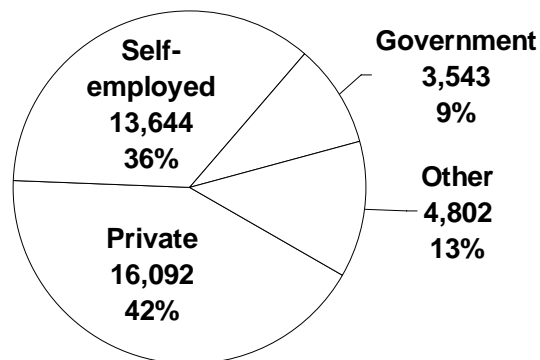
Survey Respondents = 1,097

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What Types of Employers Do Individuals Enrolled in BHP Work For?



Source: JLARC survey of enrollees.

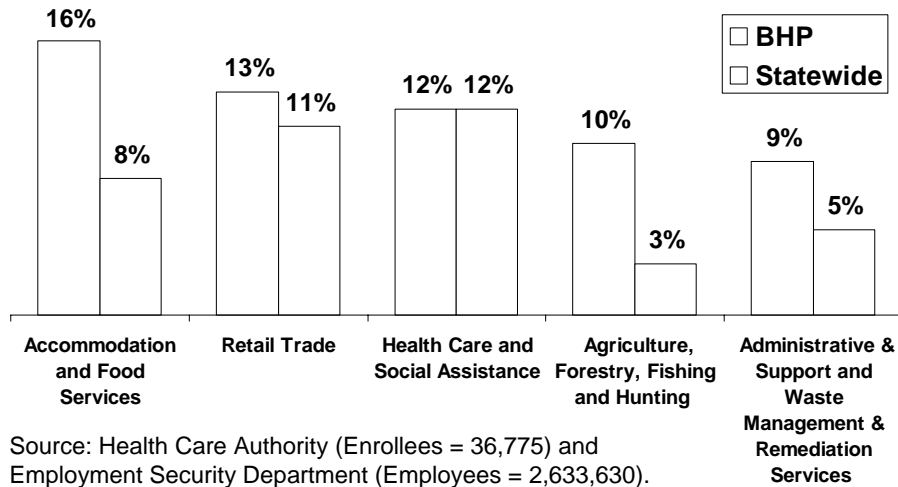
Survey Respondents = 1,086

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What Are the Top-Five Industries That Individuals Enrolled in BHP Work In?

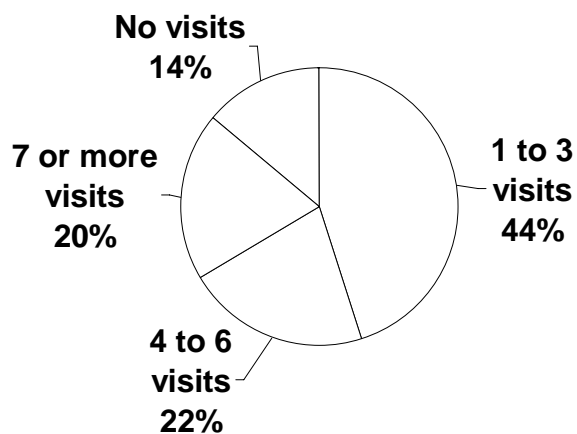


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How Often Did BHP Enrollees Visit the Doctor Last Year?



Source: JLARC survey of enrollees.

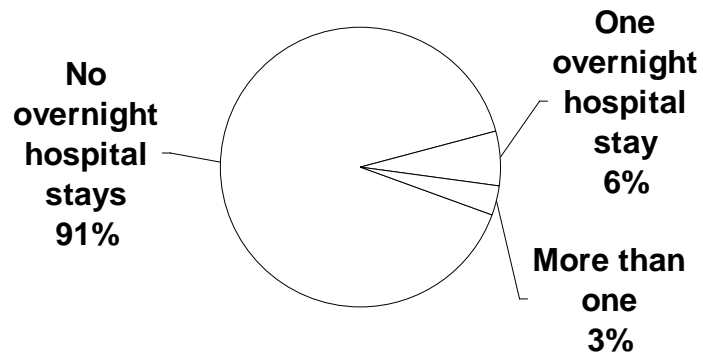
Survey Respondents = 1,805

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How Often Did BHP Enrollees Stay Overnight in the Hospital Last Year?



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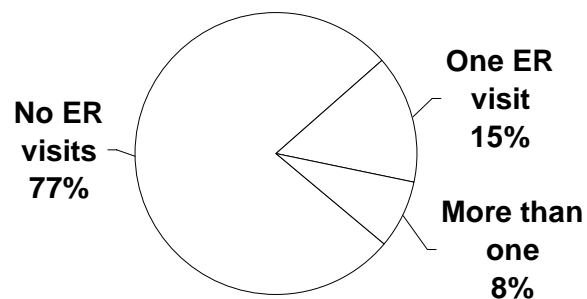
Survey Respondents = 1,822

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How Often Did BHP Enrollees Visit the Emergency Room Last Year?



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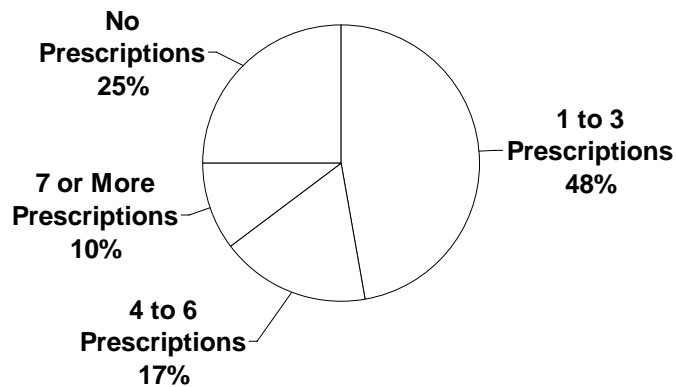
Survey Respondents = 1,819

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How Many Prescription Drugs Did BHP Enrollees Use Last Year?



Source: JLARC survey of enrollees.

Survey Respondents = 1,802

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Final Thoughts

- JLARC's report on who is enrolled in the Basic Health Plan and what health care services they use:
 - Provides **new information** that was not previously available
 - Compiles data from **four sources**
 - May be useful in future policy deliberations

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